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Preliminary Amendment Prior to Claims Fee Calculation

Sir:

With a view to putting the English translation of their instant International Application into a condition believed to satisfy U.S. patent prosecution standards in formal respects and to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due, Applicants courteously request of the following preliminary amendment into the said English translation.

Please note that this request is based on the specification and claims as appended to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated 26 September 2000.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 3: insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

1. Field of the Invention.--;

line 13: insert --2. The Prior Art.--;

page 4, line 3: insert --OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION.--;

line 18: insert --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.--;